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INTRODUCTION

THE FY 1980 CONSULAR PACKAGE FOR EMBASSY ATHENS IS HERewith SUBMITTED. THROUGH CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OPERATING PROCEDURES, FULL INTEGRATION OF TECHNICAL AIDS SUCH AS AVLOS AND MEMORY TYPEWRITERS, EXTENSIVE USE OF PIT EMPLOYEES AND PART-TIME OFFICER ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE THE CONSULAR SECTION, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR CONSULAR SERVICES IN A MANNER COMMENSURATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S AND THE CONGRESS' WELCOMED INTEREST IN THE IMPROVED QUALITY AND CONDUCT OF CONSULAR SERVICES.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL RESOURCES ARE NOT CURRENTLY REQUIRED, BUT ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTORS OF OUR OPERATIONS, I.E., THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF PART-TIME OFFICER ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE THE SECTION OR A SUDDEN, UNANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES, COULD MODIFY OUR PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.

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COUNTRY AND POST: GREECE AMEMBASSY ATHENS

SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS

FY 1977 FY 1978 FY 1979 FY 1980
ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE
10/1/76 TO 10/1/77 TO 10/1/78 TO 10/1/79 TO
9/30/77 9/30/78 9/30/79 9/30/80

1. IV'S ISSUED	6,194	6,000	6,100	6,200
2. IF'S REFUSED	734	700	720	730
3. TOTAL IV CASES	6,928	6,700	6,820	6,930

MAON-HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

4. FULL-TIME PERMANENT	2,394	2394,	2,394	2,394
5. TEMPORARY DETAIL	103	20	20	20
6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED	1,086	616	-	-
7. SUB:TOTAL AMERICAN				
MAN-HOURS	3,583	3,030	2,414	2,414

LOCAL:

8. FULL-TIME PERMANENT	24,019	23,300	23,300	23,300
9. TEMPORARY DETAIL	1,401	1,090	1,090	1,090
10. PIT	-	-	-	-
11. SUBJ-TOTAL LOCAL				
MAN-HOURS	25,420	24,390	24,390	24,390
12. TOTAL IV MAN-HOURS	27,420	26,804	26,804	

PERCENTAGE OF IV CASES

REQUIRING

13. USE OF INTERPRETER: 90 PERCENT(1)
 14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK: 14 PERCENT
 (1) - POSITION OCCUPIED BY NON-GREEK SPEAKING
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SCHEDULE I - REMARKS

IV CASES CONTINUE TO DECLINE, ALTHOUGH AFTER SUBTRACTING LEBANESE CASES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE 1976 WAR CONDITIONS, WE NOTED A SLIGHT INCREASE DURING OCTOBER-JANUARY FY 78 AS COMPARED TO SAME FY 77 PERIOD. IN REGARD TO THE FUTURE, THE PROPOSED AMNESTY PROGRAM MAY CAUSE SOME TEMPORARY INCREASE IN IVS SINCE INS ESTIMATES THAT 4,000 UNDOCUMENTED GREEKS ARE IN THE U.S., SOME OF WHOM WOULD PROBABLY FILE PETITIONS IF GRANTED PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS. OUR DECEMBER 1977 NOTIFICATION OF SOME 11,000 POTENTIAL IMMIGRANTS, INFORMING THEM THAT THEY MUST TAKE ACTION WITHIN ONE YEAR, RESULTED TO DATE IN 500 REPLIES OF PERSONS WHO WILL PURSUE IV APPLICATIONS.

IN 1976, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE WAR, MORE GREEKS RETURNED FROM ABROAD THAN LEFT. AS OPPORTUNITIES IMPROVE IN GREECE, THE RATE OF RETURN CAN BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE, AND PERHAPS DEMAND FOR IVS WILL DECREASE FOR THE SAME ECONOMIC REASONS. AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT THE DEMAND FOR IVS SEEMS TO HAVE LEVELED OUT.

ONE RESULT OF THE RETURN OF GREEK WORKERS FROM ABROAD HAS BEEN GREATLY STEPPED-UP INTEREST IN EXPELLING FOREIGNERS WHO ARE ILLEGALLY RESIDING AND WORKING IN GREECE.

THE POST HAS DEVOTED MANY MAN-HOURS SINCE NOVEMBER TO INVESTIGATING VISA FRAUD BY SUCH PERSONS, PARTICULARLY THE IRAQ "REFUGEE" COMMUNITY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT AS GREEK GOVERNMENT PRESSURE MOUNTS

AND STRICT EMBASSY SCREENING PERSISTS, THERE WILL BE MORE AND MORE ATTEMPTS TO CIRCUMVENT OUR PROCESSING AND ENTER U.S. VIA TRWOV AND OTHER METHODS.

NOTE: THE SECTION DOES NOT HAVE A FRAUD UNIT, NOR INDIVIDUALS SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO SUCH WORK. THEREFORE OUR EFFORTS ARE ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON OFFICER AND SENIOR FSL PERSONNEL OF THE SECTION.

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COUNTRY AND POST: GREECE AMEMBASSY ATHENS
SCHEDULE II - NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

	FY 1977	FY 1978	FY 1979	FY 1980
	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
	10/1/76 TO	10/1/77 TO	10/1/78 TO	10/1/79 TO
	9/30/77	9/30/78	9/30/79	9/30/80
15. NIV'S ISSUED	29,573	31,500	33,100	34,750
16. NIV'S REFUSED	4,119	4,250	4,380	4,500
17. TOTAL NIV CASES	33,692	35,750	37,480	39,250
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED				
AMERICAN OFFICERS:				
18. FULL-TIME PERMANENT	2,599	2,236	3,096	3,096
19. TEMPORARY DETAIL	1,213	1,935	1,720	1,720
20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	2,060	1,972	704	704
21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN				
MAN-HOURS	5,872	6,143	5,520	5,520
LOCAL:				
22. FULL-TIME PERMANENT	12,626	12,626	12,626	12,626
23. TEMPORARY DETAIL	3,923	3,363	3,363	3,363
24. PIT	-	704	704	704
25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL				
MAN-HOURS	16,549	16,693	16,693	16,693
26. TOTAL NIV MAN-HOURS	22,421	22,836	22,213	22,213

27. NIV FEES COLLECTED: \$3,549.81
28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS: NONE
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29. CREW LIST VISAS: 195
30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS: 4,366

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

31. INTERVIEWS: 34 PERCENT (1)
32. USE OF INTERPRETER: 40 PERCENT
33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK: 2 PERCENT
(1) - IF SINGLE ENTRY C-1 VISAS FOR SEAMEN, WHICH RARELY REQUIRE
INTERVIEW, ARE EXCLUDED FROM TOTAL VISAS ISSUED, THE PERCENTAGE
OF NIV CASES REQUIRING INTERVIEW RISES TO 48 PERCENT

SCHEDULE II - REMARKS

NIV CASES CONTINUE TO INCREASE AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF APPROXIMATELY
8 PERCENT. OUR ABILITY TO COPE WITH THE HIGH AND INCREASING WORKLOAD
WAS ENHANCED LAST YEAR BY THE FOLLOWING: SWITCHING TO A COUNTER
OPERATION, USE OF MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS AVLOS, MEMORY
TYPEWRITER AND ROTARY FILES, USE OF A ROVING EMPLOYEE TO LEND
HELP WHERE IT WAS NEEDED MOST, AND THE ADDITION OF A SECOND
HALF-DAY DETAIL OFFICER FROM THE POL/MIL SECTION. IN ORDER TO AVOID
ADDING PERMANENT LOCAL AND OFFICER POSITIONS, WE COUNT ON THE
CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF THE TWO PIT POSITIONS DURING THE SUMMER
MONTHS AND OF TWO HALF-DAY OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE
BELIEVE THAT THE LATTER ARRANGEMENT WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE TO
US THROUGH THE NEXT 12 TO 24 MONTHS AT A MINIMUM.

SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

BUREAU: EUR

COUNTRY AND POST AMEMBASSY, ATHENS, GREECE

FY 1977 FY 1978 FY 1979 FY 1978

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

10/1/76TO 10/1/77TO 10/1/78TO 10/1/79TO

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9/30/77 9/30/78 9/30/79 9/30/80

34. AMERICAN CITIZEN

DEATHS 478 280 310 335

35. ESTATE/PROPERTY

CLAIMS 504 510 520 530

36. NOTARIALS 10,684 10,800 10,600 11,600

37. WELFARE/WHERE-

ABOUTS	2,651	2,800	3,000	3,200	
38. SEAMEN & SHIPPING	198	280	320	350	
39. ARRESTS	62	75	80	85	
40. OTHER AGENCY SVC	57,108	56,700	57,750	57,800	
41. TOTAL SCS CASES	71,685	71,445	72,580	73,900	
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED					
AMERICAN OFFICERS					
42. FULL TIME PER-					
MANENT	6,158	6,050	6,050	6,050	
43. TEMPORARY DETAIL	1,032	641	866	866	
44. PIT(LOCALLY					
HIRED)	2,054	2,650	2,650	1,650	
45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN					
MAN-HOURS	9,244	8,341	8,566	8,566	
LOCAL					
46. FULL TIME PERMANENT	37,583	38,800	38,800	38,800	
47. TEMPORARY DETAIL	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	
48. PIT	--	--	--	--	
49. SUB:TOTAL LOCAL					
MAN-HOURS	40,183	41,400	41,400	41,400	
50. TOTAL SCS MAN-HOURS	49,427	49,741	49,966	49,966	
51. TREASURY CHECKS					
FY-77	230,177				

REMARKS

ALMOST ALL FACETS OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN FY 77.
 OUR PROJECTION FOR NOTARIAL SERVICES IN LAST YEAR'S PACKAGE HAS BEEN EXCEEDED DUE TO A LAST MINUTE RUSH OF VOTERS COMING FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTARIZATION OF THEIR BALLOTS, A GENERAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND OTHER TOURISTS WHO REQUIRE NOTARIAL ASSISTANCE, AND THE INCREASING NUMBER OF GREEKS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE INTERESTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND REFER TO THE EMBASSY FOR SOME NOTARIAL SERVICE.

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SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ITEMS ALSO MARKED A SHARP RISE DURING FY 77. PIRAEUS HARBOR AND ELEFSIS SHIPYARDS ARE INCREASINGLY USED BY AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS. LOWER COST LONG TERM ANCHORAGE FEES AND RELATED EXPENSES HAVE ENCOURAGED MANY AMERICAN COMPANIES TO USE THE FACILITIES IN GREECE WITH THE CONSEQUENT INCREASED REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULAR SERVICES FOR THE DISCHARGING OR ENGAGING OF CREWS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE, WITH POSSIBILITY OF AN

EVEN SHARPER RISE WHEN THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT NOW BEFORE CONGRESS IS APPROVED.

WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS HAS INCREASED OVER PREVIOUS YEAR ALTHOUGH NOT REACHING OUR PROJECTION FROM THE LAST YEAR'S PACKAGE. INCREASE CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN TWO WAYS. THE LEVEL OF TOURISM IN GREECE HAS INCREASED EACH YEAR AND THE RECENT FIGURE RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION INDICATES APPROXIMATELY 600,000 AMERICAN TOURISTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1977 OR MORE THAN 100,000 MORE THAN 1976. AS A RESULT OF ATTRACTIVE TOUR PRICES AND CHARTER FARES, MANY OF THESE TOURISTS ARE FIRST TIME TRAVELERS WHO ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE SOME DIFFICULTY FOR WHICH THEY WILL SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE EMBASSY. IN ADDITION, MORE AMERICANS ARE LIKELY TO BE TRAVELING ON A TIGHTER BUDGET THAN BEFORE AND CONSEQUENTLY LESS ABLE TO MEET UNEXPECTED EMERGENCIES.

A SECOND FACTOR IN THE INCREASED W/W WORKLOAD IS A GREATER FOCUS ON THE ROLE OF THE EMBASSY IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN TRAVELER AND A GENERALLY HIGH EXPECTATION ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN OF WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD DO FOR HIM. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE EXPECTATIONS ARE UNREALISTIC AND BEYOND WHAT IS AUTHORIZED OR REASONABLE, A LARGE NUMBER OF THE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE LEGITIMATE AND REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT AND ASSISTANCE ON THE PART OF THE SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES STAFF. THE EMBASSY IS BECOMING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF THE TRAVELING AMERICAN IN A MORE PRACTICAL THAN STRICTLY LEGAL SENSE. CONSEQUENTLY, OUR ROLE AND WORKLOAD WILL INCREASE IN GREATER PROPORTION AS THE GENERAL LEVEL OF TOURISM INCREASES.

SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES

BUREAU: EUR

COUNTRY AND POST: AMEMBASSY, ATHENS, GREECE

FY 1977 FY 1978 FY 1979 FY 1980

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

10/1/76TO 10/1/77TO 10/1/78TO 10/1/79 TO

9/30/77 9/30/78 9/30/79 9/30/80

52. PPT APPLICATIONS

EXECUTED 4620 4450 4550 4650

53. PPT APPLICATIONS

EXAMINED - - - -

54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED 4002 4100 4200 4300

55. NO-FEE PASSPRTS ISSUED 294 250 250 250

56. PPT'S AMENDED OR

EXTENDED 867 680 730 780

57. NEW REGISTRATION

APPLICATIONS 2695 2800 2900 3000

58. REPORTS OF BIRTH 429 450 480 520

59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE - - - -

60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS 45 52 58 64

61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT

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CASES 12952 12782 13168 13564

62. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED 4 6 7 8

63. TOTAL PASSPORT CASES 12956 12788 13175 13572

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

64. FULL-TIME PERMANENT 2360 2360 2360 2360

65. TEMPORARY DETAIL 52 52 52 52

66. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 326 780 780 780

67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS) 2739 3192 3192 3192

LOCAL:

68. FULL-TIME PERMANENT 9840 10440 10440 10440

69. TEMPORARY DETAIL 1100 1300 1300 1300

70. PIT - - - -

71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 11140 11740 11740 11740

72. TOTAL PIT MAN-HOURS 13878 14932 14932 14932

73. AMERICAN REGISTERED

1/31/78 37000

AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT:

74. OFFICIAL 1170

75. NON-OFFICIAL 40000

CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT REMARKS:

A GENERAL RISE IN AMERICAN TOURISM IN GREECE AND AN INCREASE IN THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ATHENS HAVE COMBINED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE INCREASED NUMBER OF FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED. IN ITEM 52, PASSPOR

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APPLICATIONS EXECUTED, THE FIGURE SHOWN AS ACTUAL FOR FY 77 INCLUDES MOST OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR NEW DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WHICH WERE PROCESSED IN 1977. THEREFORE, THE FIGURE ESTIMATED FOR FY 78 IS LESS THAN THE ACTUAL FOR FY 77. AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 APPLICATIONS IS PROJECTED FOR FY 78. FOR ITEM 56, PASSPORTS EXTENDED, WE PROJECT THAT THIS FIGURE WILL DROP CONSIDERABLE DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW POLICY OF ISSUING FULL VALIDITY PASSPORTS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO REPLACE LOST OR STOLEN ONES.

ROUTINE REPORTS OF DEATH FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO ARE BURIED IN GREECE ARE PROCESSED BY THE PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP UNIT AND NOT BY THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE UNIT. IN AN EFFORT TO LIMIT THE WORKLOAD, DEATH REPORTS WILL BE COMPLETED ONLY WHEN THE NEXT OF KIN REQUESTS THEM. MOST OF THE LOCAL BURIALS INVOLVES AGED AMERICANS OF GREEK DESCENT WHOSE FAMILIES OBTAIN GREEK DEATH CERTIFICATES AND DO NOT REQUIRE AMERICAN REPORTS. THE NEW SYSTEM WILL ELIMINATE HOURS OF UNNECESSARY CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTING DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF REPORTS WHICH ARE NOT WANTED NOR REQUESTED IN MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE DEATH CASES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ESTIMATE FOR ITEM 34 HAS BEEN REDUCED BY FIFTY PERCENT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

FOR THE FOUR HUNDRED AND SIX REPORTS OF DEATH WHICH WERE COMPLETED IN FY 77, AN ESTIMATED ONE AND A HALF MAN HOURS PER DAY PER DEATH CASE WAS SPENT BY EACH OF THE FOUR EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIT WHO PROCESS SUCH ITEMS. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR 609 MAN HOURS FOR THE YEAR ON DEATH REPORTS

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SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

BUREAU: EUR

COUNTRY AND POST: AMEMBASSY ATHENS, GREECE

FY - 1977

HOURS GAINED	AMERICAN	LOCAL
OVERTIME	293	1,165
DETAILS IN	2304	---
HOURS LOST	AMERICAN	LOCAL
DETAILS OUT	201 (SEE NOTE)	---
STAFFING GAPS	80	---
PROLONGED LEAVE	296	1,582

NOTE:

432 HOURS FOR THE HEW OFFICER, REPRESENTING FULFILMENT OF HIS
REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT OTHER POSTS HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED

AMERICANS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
76. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77	3	2	1	1	7 (A)
77. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78	3	2	1	1	7
78. FILLED 1/31/78	2	2	1	1	6
INCREASE/DECREASE:					
79. REQUIRED FY 79	3	2	1	1	7
80. REQUIRED FY 80	3	2	1	1	7
LOCALS:					
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81. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77	21	22(B)	6	1	50
82. AUTHORIZED 9/31/78	21	22	6	1	50
83. FILLED 1/31/78	21	21	6	1	49
84. REQUIRED FY 1979	21	21	6	1	49
85. REQUIRED FY 1980	21	21	6	1	49

REMARKS:

(A) ITEM 76: HEW OFFICER NOT INCLUDED, AS SECTION HAS NO AUTHORIZED
POSITION

(B) POSITION IN THE NOTARIAL AND SHIPPING UNIT FILLED BY AMERICAN
EMPLOYEE IS NOW FILLED BY LOCAL PERMANENT EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE
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SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC

BUREAU: EUR

COUNTRY AND POST: AMEMBASSY ATHENS, GREECE

A. FEDERAL BENEFITS ACTIVITY:

NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED

AMERICAN 1 LOCAL 13

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK OTHER THAN
FEDERAL BENEFITS

AMERICAN 150 LOCAL 0 (EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER TIME)

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NON-REIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON
FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN 0 LOCAL 0

B. DOCUMENT FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS:

PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY:

A. FRAUD UNIT: (THERE IS NO FRAUD UNIT)

B. SECURITY: 60 PERCENT

C. LINE OFFICER: 40 PERCENT

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TYPE OF INVESTIGATION

A. VISA: 30 CASES

B. FEDERAL BENEFITS: 1963 (ALL INVESTIGATED BY FEDERAL
BENEFIT UNIT PERSONNEL)

C. PASSPORT: NONE

C. U.S. CITIZENS IN JAIL 1/31/78: 9

D. SERVICES FOR INS: NONE; INS HAS OFFICE IN ATHENS

E. LOSS OF NATIONALITY CASES: 5

F. SCHEDULE III, ITEM 34 AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS (FY 1977)

1. BURIED LOCALLY: 431

2. REMAINS SHIPPED TO U.S. 47

G. SCHEDULE III, ITEM 37 WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS.

1. SEARCHES FOR MISSING PERSONS: 113

2. EMERGENCY MESSAGES: 61

3. CHILD CUSTODY CASES: 11

4. ILLNESS OR HOSPITAL CASES NOT INVOLVING MEDEVAC: 130

5. MEDEVAC INVOLVING REPATRIATION LOANS: 2

6. MEDEVAC NOT AT USG EXPENSE 4

7. REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS 23 (5

PURSUED)

8. REPATRIATION NOT INVOLVING USG EXPENSE 23

9. EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFERS (INCLUDING TRUST AND
COMMERCIAL BANK): 51

10. UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANEOUS W/W ACTION: 2,233

H. THERE ARE NO CONSULAR AGENTS IN THIS DISTRICT

I. SPECIAL PROBLEMS - WW

SEVERAL FACTORS COMBINE TO MAKE THE W/W FACET OF CONSULAR OPERATION
IN ATHENS A VERY DEMANDING AND UNUSUALLY PRESSURED ACTIVITY. THE
TOURISTS ATTRACTIONS OF GREECE, A FAVOURABLE CLIMATE, AND GENERALLY
TOLERANT ATTITUDE OF OFTEN UNSUAL BEHAVIOR, ENCOURAGES MANY

VISITORS TO COME AND TO STAY FOR A LONGER PERIOD THAN WOULD BE
USUAL IN OTHER TOURIST COUNTRIES.
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MANY OF THESE "TOURISTS" ARE IN THE CATEGORY OF PEOPLE WITH
EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS WHO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY
AND REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE. IN ADDITION, GREECE IS AN
EASY COUNTRY IN WHICH TO BECOME "LOST", I.E., IT IS RELATIVELY EASY
TO FIND A COMFORTABLE CORNER OF THE COUNTRY OR OF SOME ISLAND
TO ESCAPE FAMILY PRESSURES, PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS OR WHATEVER
ONE IS ESCAPING FROM. MANY OF THESE YOUNG AND NOT SO YOUNG PERSONS
DO LEAVE CONCERNED PARENTS OR RELATIVES WHO THROUGH THE
DEPARTMENT AND/OR DIRECTLY, ASK FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING THE
LOST ONE. SEARCHES FOR "MISSING PERSONS" AND ATTEMPTS TO DELIVER
EMERGENCY MESSAGES IS A VERY TIME-CONSUMING FACET OF P/W.

AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER, 11, OF CHILD CUSTODY CASES DEVELOPED
DURING THE PERIOD AND EACH REQUIRED EXTENSIVE INQUIRY, AND
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED. GREEK LAW GIVES TO
THE FATHER THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE TRAVEL AND RESIDENT RIGHTS FOR THE
CHILDREN AND THIS FACTOR, COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT MANY GREEK-
AMERICAN MARRIAGES INVOLVE A GREEK FATHER AND AMERICAN WIFE,
COMPLICATES CUSTODY DISPUTES. ALTHOUGH REQUIRED TO PLAY A NEUTRAL
ROLE, THE EMBASSY HAS AND DOES PERFORM A LEGITIMATE FUNCTION
IN DETERMINING THE WHEREABOUTS AND WELFARE FOR THE AMERICAN
CITIZEN CHILD AND INFORMING THE INTERESTED PARTIES. THESE
TYPES OF CASES ARE VERY TEDIOUS AND TIME-CONSUMING, MAKING THE

SIMPLE STATISTIC UNREFLECTIVE OF THE EFFORT INVOLVED IN EACH CASE.

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EACH OF THE EIGHTEEN REPATRIATIONS EFFECTED AT USG EXPENSES REPRESENTS A LARGE EXPENDITURE OF PERSONNEL RESOURCE NOT REFLECTED IN THE SIMPLE STATISTIC. AS MANY OF THESE REPATRIATEES' SITUATIONS WERE COMPOUND BY EMOTNIOANL PROBLEMS, THEN HANDLING OF EACH CASE REQUIRED EVEN GREATER PATIENCE EFFORT AND TIME.

I. SUMMARY REPARKS

IN CONCLUSION, ALTHOUGH THE ATHENS CONSULAR DISTRICT ENCOUMPASSES A LARGE AREA AND, AS OUR STATISTICS SHOW, A FULL INTENSE LEVEL OF CONSULAR OPERATIONS, NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS NOR UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY EFFECTED OPERATIONS. WITH OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION WE HAVE BEEN ABLE DURING FY 77 TO REARRANGE PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE CONSULAR SECTION. FULL CARPETING AND DRAPES, WAITING ROOMS FOR THE FBU AND PASSPORT UNITS, A LARGE NIV RECEPTION AND INTERVIEW COUNTER, AND INSTALLATION OF SUCH MODERN HELPS AS AVLOS AND IBM WORD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED TO IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS, AND AN ENHANCED PUBLIC IMAGE.

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